

HA-1795
1920
Bel Air
Private

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Panos House
Bel Air, Harford Co.

FRAMEWORK FOR IDENTIFYING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

3. Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:

 x 11. Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

 12. Modern Period 1930 - present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme:

2. Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community
Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Architecture

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function and Use: Private Residence

Known Design Source: unknown

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. 01-11735

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Panos House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 2 W. Broadway n/a not for publication

city, town Bel Air _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 3rd

state MD _____ county Harford

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ms. Pota Panos

street & number 2 W. Broadway telephone no.: 838-5107

city, town Bel Air state and zip code MD 21014

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 295

street & number _____ folio 73

city, town Bel Air state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state

7. Description

Survey No. 11-1/85

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing resource count: one

The Panos House, 2 W. Broadway, faces south on a narrow lot in a block that is mostly commercial. A 2 story, front-gable working-man's house similar to many others built in Bel Air from the 1870s through the 1920s, it is a house that "just grew" -- 2 bays wide in front with a single bay 2 story addition at right angles to the rear (north) of the east elevation and 2 single story additions behind that in the plane of the main block.

The enclosed and screened shed-roofed front porch is the only decoration. Its style and 2/2 double-hung sash windows make it look more like 1880 than its date of 1915-1920. The current siding is asbestos shingle.

The grouping of windows in the second story front is unusual; the fenestration on the 2 bay west elevation is regular, while the east elevation has only one window in the second story of the main block. Windows are placed around the additions with some regularity, and the second story of the addition to the east projects over the first. Altogether, this is an odd-looking little house, its exterior harmony having been subjected to internal needs. The interior was not accessible.

8. Significance

Survey No. HA-1195

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1920 Builder/Architect J. Robert Ayres

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The Seelings apparently could not manage their \$1200 mortgage, so in September 1921 the house reverted to Ayres, who sold it the next month to Vincent Louis for \$2500. Louis sold it in 1923 to Winfield Dixon, who worked at the post office, for \$2350. Since 1923 is the year Bel Air's post-World War I building boom started, it seems likely that the little house had originally been over-priced. Dixon's wife Edna died and in 1929 he married Luella Noonan. The Dixons sold the house and the lot next door to Pota Panos in 1946. She was at one time married to Earl Ayres, who was probably related to the builder of the house. She ran the luncheonette at 20 S. Main St. [HA-217] for many years. There is no information about the dates of the various additions.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. 11-1795

Harford County Land Records
Larew, Marilyn. Bel Air: The Town through Its Buildings. Hagerwood, Md., 1981.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Bel AirQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 266 in the Town of Bel Air, 30' x 100'.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Dr. Marilyn M. Larew		
organization		date	7-15-93
street & number	RD 1, Box 219	telephone	717-993-3557
city or town	New Park	state	PA 17352

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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INVENTORY
SECTION
100 COMMUNITY PLAN
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2021
51-7150

PS-2746

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Panos House
2 W. Broadway
Bel Air, MD 21014

owner: Pota Panos

295/73 11 Apr 1946
W. Winfield Dixon and Luella
to
Pota Panos
lots 1, 2, and 3 in block B of Richardson's Addition
Ms. Panos sold lots 2 and 3 in 1947 to James and Lois
Panos by 309/347. Her house is on lot 1.

213/247 30 Sept 1929
Richard A. Bode
to
W. Winfield Dixon and Luella
Luella's previous name was Noonan.

213/246 30 Sept 1929
W. Winfield Dixon and Luella
to
Richard A. Bode
straw deeds. Dixon's wife Edna has died and he has
remarried.

181/287 12 Mar 1923
Vincent Louis and Mary
to
Winfield Dixon and Edna V.
\$2,350

176/52 19 Oct 1921
J. Robert Ayres and Sadie J.
to
Vincent Louis
\$2500

176/3 14 Sept 1921
Bessie L. Renwick
to
J. Robert Ayres and Sadie J.
Ayres assumes the 1920 mortgage

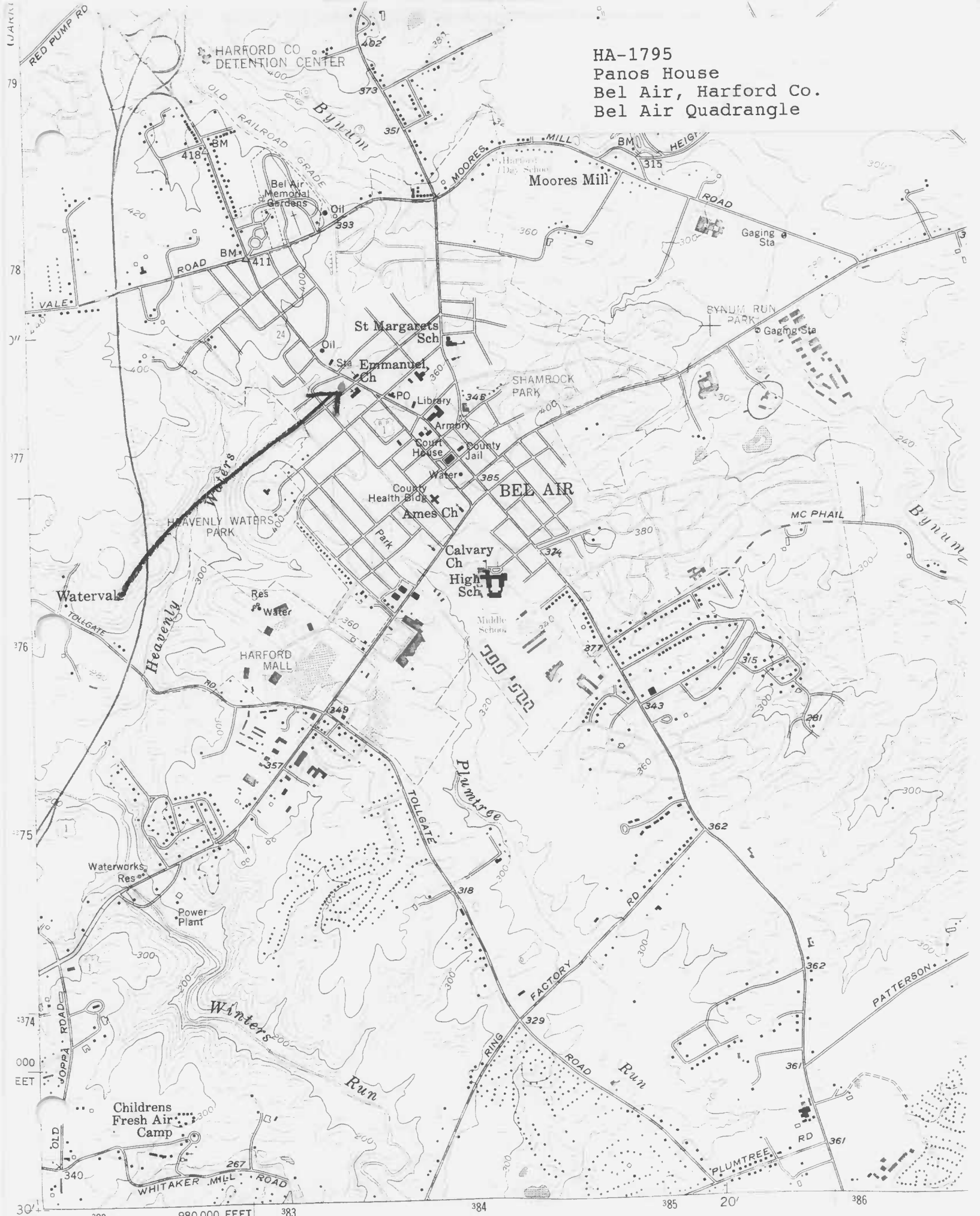
176/1 13 Sept 1921
Chauncey E. Seeling and Martha M.
to
Bessie L. Renwick

171/236 30 Oct 1920
 J. Robert Ayres and Sadie J.
 to
 Chauncey E. Seeling and Martha M.
 \$2500

 the mortgage

170/486 30 Oct 1920
 Chauncey E. Seeling and Martha M.
 to
 Fireside Permanent Bldg. Assoc. of Harford Co.
 \$1200

171/237 25 May 1915
 Henrietta G. Rouse, C. Chapman Rouse and Mary C.
 Richardson
 to
 J. Robert Ayres
 \$255
 lots 1, 2, and 3 block B, Richardson's Addition
 The Rouses and Ms. Richardson own Richardson;s
 Addition.



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Panos House
Bel Air, Harford Co.
Bel Air Quadrangle



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2 W. BROADWAY
BEL AIR



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Paris 1796

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2 W. BROADWAY
BEL AIR